

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## *Proclamation*

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### MUSEUMS ADVOCACY DAY

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Historical Society was founded in 1956 with the goal to conduct research and to preserve and disseminate knowledge relating to the history, archaeology, material culture, and geographical and socio-economic development of Arlington County, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Historical Society owns and maintains the Hume School, built in 1891, as the Arlington Historical Museum and the Ball-Sellers House historic home, built in the 1740s; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Historical Society welcomes visitors to the artifact-rich Museum celebrating Arlington's history and the Ball-Sellers House, which is the oldest house in Arlington offering a glimpse into the lives of early Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Historical Society, as a private, non-profit organization, hosts monthly events with featured speakers on Arlington County history at no cost to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Historical Society has partnered with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington County to raise awareness of the of the important contributions of African Americans to the history of Arlington County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arlington Historical Society has a long history of partnering with the County government to support maintaining the historical heritage of this unique County; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 65th anniversary of the Arlington Historical Society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Matt de Ferranti, Chair of the County Board, in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2021, as

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in honor of the Arlington Historical Society and the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington.



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Matt de Ferranti  
Chair